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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: MADRID PRESS COMMENTARY  
- AMBASSADOR TODMAN

1. IMPORTANT MADRID DAILY ABC (CONSERVATIVE)  
JUNE 17 CARRIES REPORT ON AMBASSADOR TODMAN BY  
NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT JOSE MARIA CARRASCAL.  
EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

2. "IT IS A BAD BEGINNING FOR A DIPLOMAT TO SEE  
HIMSELF CAUGHT UP IN CONTROVERSY AT HIS DESTINATION.  
BECAUSE OF THAT NEITHER THE STATE DEPARTMENT NOR  
TERENCE TODMAN HAVE BEEN MADE HAPPY BY THE WELCOME  
GIVEN TO HIM AS NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN...  
HE HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED AS NEGRO AND CONSERVATIVE.  
THE FIRST HAS A CERTAIN RACIST TONE...AND THE SECOND  
IS A PROOF OF FRIVOLITY, OF NOT HAVING SERIOUSLY  
STUDIED ISSUES, OF THE LACK OF SERIOUSNESS AND HASTY  
JUDGEMENT THAT CAN DO SO MUCH DAMAGE TO SPANISH  
DEMOCRACY.

3. "TERENCE TODMAN IS ABOVE ALL A PROFESSIONAL, A  
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CAREER DIPLOMAT WITH A BRILLIANT PORTFOLIO OF  
SERVICE AND A SOLID PREPARATION..." CARRASCAL HERE  
GIVES A RESUME OF THE AMBASSADOR'S CAREER, QUOTES  
EXTENSIVELY FROM HIS FEBRUARY 14 SPEECH AT THE CENTER  
FOR INTERAMERICAN RELATIONS AND CONCLUDES:

4. "JUDGE FOR YOURSELVES. BUT OUR PRIVATE OPINION...

IS THAT HE SEEMS TO US A PROFESSIONAL BOTH WELL PREPARED  
AND SENSITIVE, OF WHOM ANY DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY COULD FEEL  
PROUD TO HAVE AS AMBASSADOR."

5. FULL TRANSLATION BEING POUCHED. RYLANCE

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